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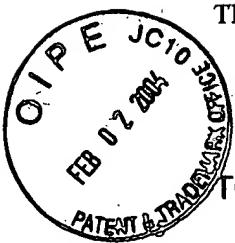
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### RESPONSE TO PATENT OFFICE ACTION

15 Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 57 of this paper.